

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement between the species shown in Figures 3, 6, 8 or 9. Applicant traverses this restriction requirement, but provisionally elects the embodiment shown in Figures 9 and 10. The claims reading on this fourth embodiment of Figures 9 and 10 are claims 1-5 and 17-21.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Applicant believes that independent claim 1 is generic and applies to all four embodiments described in the specification. Claim 1 requires a blade body, designated by reference numerals 110, 210, 310, and 410, respectively for the four embodiments. Claim 1 further requires upper and lower cutting edges having first and second curvatures. This element of claim 1 corresponds to the edges 112, 114; 212, 214; 312, 314; and 412, 414 for the four embodiments respectively, and are described at page 6, lines 5-8 (first embodiment), page 7, line 30 through page 8, line 2 (second embodiment), page 11, lines 13-16 (third embodiment), and page 14, lines 12-16 (fourth embodiment). Claim 1 further requires a lever, which corresponds to the structure designated by the reference numerals 120, 220, 320 and 420, with regard to the four embodiments respectively. Thus, claim 1 is generic and covers all four embodiments such that the restriction requirement must be withdrawn.

Applicants further note that independent claim 4 covers the second, third and fourth embodiments.

Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

This is also a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for one-month from November 8, 2004 to December 8, 2004. Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$55.00 for the

cost of the one-month extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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